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Bonn Says Communists Spur Anti-Semitic Acts

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BONN. — The West German Government yesterday said it has proof that the Communists are behind many recent anti-Semitic incidents.

"Communists have been found active in three roles — as instigators, perpetrators and in the propaganda use of the incidents to defame the Federal Republic," a Government spokesman said after a Cabinet meeting.

The spokesman said a particularly revealing case of Communist instigation and perpetration was in the incident in Lehrte.

It was announced on Tuesday that the German secret service had arrested three self-confessed Communists for painting "Jews get out" in black paint on a house. The men, who were not fully identified, were sent into West Germany from East Germany to carry out this and other actions, the Government said yesterday.

Visitors to East

Government officials said that even the men who sparked off the anti-Semitic wave were regular visitors to East Germany. The men, Paul Schoenen and Arnold Strunk, both 25, will go on trial early next month for smearing the synagogue in Cologne on Christmas Eve. They have both confessed.

West German political parties yesterday joined in a rare display of unity to condemn the revival of anti-Semitism.

In a joint resolution read by Deputy President Carlo Schmid, a Socialist, the Bundestag condemned the outbreaks of the past month as "harmful to Germany and the German people."

Prof. Schmid told a packed House that Germany "has no right to condemn anti-Semitism when it happens in other lands."

Recalls Martyrs

"Incidents happened in other countries under the sign of the swastika, as well. But in our country six million Jews were murdered. Thus, these new incidents have brought back on Germany all the accusations of evil which we have had to endure in the past.

"Some people say that these incidents are the work of teenage-hooligans. These children were, in 1945, not more than 10 years old and in all probability have never met a Jew face-to-face. The fact that these youngsters have carried out anti-Semitic acts is proof that there are still spots of dirt in Germany which have not yet been erased.

"Until those are wiped out, the German people will never be able to hold up their heads."

While Prof. Schmid was speaking, local authorities were continuing their crackdown on Swastika-smearers. At Burgdorf, in North-Rhine Westphalia, 27-year-old Kari Neddermeyer was sentenced to five months in jail for smearing swastikas on a wall on New Year's Eve. Josef Reesel, 50, got one month's jail and a 300 mark fine for his part in the same incident.

25 Countries Involved In Last Three Weeks

NEW YORK (Reuter). — A list of synagogue desecrations and anti-Semitic incidents covering 25 countries on six continents within the past three weeks was submitted on Tuesday by the American Jewish Congress to Justice Philip Halpern, the U.S. representative on the U.N. Subcommission for the prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities.

The Subcommission is considering a draft resolution calling on the Human Rights Commission and all U.N. members to take appropriate action to prevent and punish manifestations of anti-Semitic and other religious and racial prejudices.

"Evidence thus far assembled does not confirm the theory that these defacements were the work of an international conspiracy," Mr. Ira Guilden, Chairman of the A.J.C.'s Commission on International Affairs, declared in his letter to Justice Halpern.

"It would be almost comforting to learn that an international band of fanatics were solely responsible for this appalling behaviour. Such a conspiracy would ultimately be detected by an aroused police force.

"But we are forced to the conclusion that anti-Semitism is so endemic and so near the surface that it can be triggered overnight all over the world. Such deep-seated hatred of Jews — so intense that it risks arrest to engage in criminal acts — can only be counteracted, if at all, by a long and arduous programme of education."

Ties with Bonn Unaffected By Anti-Semitism — B-G

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion said yesterday that the recent anti-Semitic incidents should not affect our relations with West Germany or our arms sales to that country. He was replying in the Knesset to motions for the agenda by Mr. Shmuel Mikunis (Communist) and Mr. Yosef Shofman (Herut) on arms sales to Germany.

Calling for the cancellation of the previous arms deal with West Germany and a ban on future arms sales to that country, Mr. Mikunis charged West Germany with being the country where the recent Nazi demonstrations had been "produced and from where they were exported."

Mr. Shofman said that although the last arms deal had in no way won Israel the friendship of Germany—which was the Prime Minister's justification for the deal — Mr. Ben-Gurion's hand was still outstretched towards Bonn. Mr. Shofman ridiculed Mr. Ben-Gurion's statement that Germany today is not Nazi, but a nation like any other.

Two Germanies

Replying, Mr. Ben-Gurion said he would not retract one word of his statement in the Knesset last July in which he distinguished between the Germany of Hitler and the Germany of Adenauer.

"The recent manifestations of anti-Semitism were cause for concern, and it would be short-sighted of world Jewry to disregard them. But there was no connection between the recent incidents and the arms deal or with our relations with Germany of today.

While there was undoubtedly anti-Semitism and while there were Nazis in Germany today — and perhaps even in important posts — the nation was not now a nation of murderers, and the young generation could not be called Hitlerist.

Israel had received an encouraging response to the note on anti-Semitism that it had sent to a number of Governments, Mr. Ben-Gurion said.

Lone Supporters

The Communist motion for a debate was supported only by that party, with Mapam, Ahdut Ha'avoda and Dr. M. Nurock (N.R.P.) abstaining.

The Herut motion was supported by Herut and Dr. Nurock. Mapam, Ahdut Ha'avoda, Agudat Yisrael and the Communists abstained.

Explaining their abstention, Mrs. Emma Talmi (Mapam) and Mr. Moshe Carmel (Ahdut Ha'avoda) reiterated their opposition to the sale of arms to Germany, and said that the recent anti-Semitic incidents proved that those who favoured the sales were mistaken in their understanding of today's Germany. Nazism and German militarism still constitute a danger to mankind and to Israel in particular, Mr. Carmel said.

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To Review Women's Army Service

POST Knesset Reporter

The Government intends to appoint a committee to review the question of women's military service, the Prime Minister told the Knesset yesterday.

He was speaking in opposition to a private member's bill by Mr. Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Yisrael) which would abolish compulsory military service for women, and to one by Mr. S. Z. Abramov (General Zionists) which would reduce such service from two years to one. Mr. Lorincz' bill was defeated, while Mr. Abramov withdrew his after the Prime Minister's statement.

Mr. Lorincz asserted that the drafting of women was not necessary for security reasons, but was done to save the money that would have to be paid for civilian clerks. The decline of the birth-rate among the Jewish population was alarming, and women's conscription was one reason for it. Life in army camps was not conducive to proper standards of modesty, Mr. Lorincz said.

One Year Ample

Mr. Abramov said that one year was ample time in which to give a girl the necessary military training. To keep her longer than this was "a waste of time and worse." Most girls in the Army were employed in clerical duties. Even from the point of view of efficiency, it would be better to have permanent civilian employees do this work. The army way of life affected women much more than men, he said.

In an angry tone, Mr. Ben-Gurion protested against the allurs cast by Mr. Lorincz on the morals of women soldiers. They were no worse

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Bodrov Presents Note On Soviet Arms Cut

POST Political Reporter

The Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Mikhail F. Bodrov, on Wednesday presented an official note on behalf of his Government to the Acting Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Ya'acov Tsur, on the Supreme Soviet's decision to cut the Soviet armed forces by one third.

The Russian note included the full text of the decision together with an appeal to all the Governments in the world to follow suit.

Mr. Bodrov also requested that the note be brought to the attention of the Cabinet and the Knesset.

600 Africans Attack Police In Uganda Trouble Spot

KAMPALA (Reuter)). — An attack on police by a mob of 600 is described in the latest official report on the situation in the riot areas of Uganda's Eastern Province.

The incident is reported to have occurred Tuesday night in the Nakaloke area, which borders on the main trouble spot of Bukedi.

The report added that tear gas was used in an attempt to repulse the rioters, but proved ineffective. Six rounds of revolver ammunition were fired and five rounds from riot guns.

An official report puts the number of arrests—including wounded — at more than 300. There were only two minor casualties to security forces.

Nearly 1,000 troops and police are striving to restore order in the riot areas, where at least eight persons have been killed during the past four days. Scores of buildings have also been burned and a dusk-to-dawn curfew has been imposed on the entire area.

The riots started on Saturday over dissatisfaction with tax assessments. The Uganda Government has promised a commission of inquiry into the matter.

The Uganda Government spokesman said Kenya had moved extra police to the border region — "purely on their own decision" — as a precaution against trouble spreading across the border.

POOR OPENING TO CONGO TALKS

BRUSSELS (Reuter). — A round-table conference on the future of the Belgian Congo opened here yesterday and promptly ran into difficulties.

One concerned the number and nationality of advisers on the Congolese side.

The other was on the scope of the conference itself. The Belgian side argued it was merely a "conference of information," whereas the Congolese contended that it should be a real negotiation which could make binding decisions, a conference source said.

The Congolese delegations, including Nationalist and moderate parties and tribal leaders, on Tuesday night formed a common front seeking the Congo's "immediate independence."

Kenya Deadlock

In London yesterday African delegates to the Kenya constitutional conference tightened the deadlock over special advisers with a "no compromise" declaration and a blast of criticism of the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Iain Macleod.

They accused Mr. Macleod of "succumbing to European settler pressure" and questioned his impartiality.

Mr. Macleod is the chairman of the conference which the African group—14 elected members of the Kenya Legislative Council—have now boycotted for three days. Their views were contained in a statement which a delegation handed Mr. MacLeod.

108 Feared Dead In Two Crashes Over Turkey

ANKARA, (UPI). — A Scandinavian Airlines Caravelle twin-jet passenger plane, banking for a gentle, curving approach to Esenboga airport snagged its right wing on a low hill Tuesday night and cartwheeled to earth with a fiery crash that killed 42 persons. (Reported briefly in *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday).

A second plane, a U.S. Navy P-4-M, was feared to have crashed near Adana, Turkey, 400 kilometres southeast of Ankara, with 16 persons aboard. Nato planes began a search at dawn for the big patrol craft which last radioed in 80 kms. from Adana on a routine flight from Naples.

The crash of the U.S. Navy plane would be the third air disaster in two days, bringing the total to a possible 108 lives. Fifty persons were killed Monday night in the crash of a Capital Airlines prop-jet Viscount in Virginia.

The Ankara crash was the first for one of the French-manufactured Caravelles which has two Rolls-Royce jet engines alongside the tail, and it was the first major disaster in 12 years involving a SAS plane. The pilot, Lars Retvedt, a Norwegian, was considered one of the Airline's best and most experienced flyers.

There were 35 passengers aboard and seven crew members on the flight from Copenhagen to Cairo. Three persons were pulled unconscious from the wreckage but all died later.

Lloyd Hopeful Of Cyprus Accord

LONDON (Reuter).— Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd said yesterday he was hopeful of agreement on Cyprus and that work would be completed in time for the island's independence on March 19.

Speaking to reporters at London Airport before flying to Strasbourg to address the Council of Europe today, Mr. Lloyd said: "It is wrong to talk in terms of a breakdown or a crisis. There are a great many complicated and intricate matters to be discussed."

An international five-party conference adjourned here on Monday after reaching a deadlock on the size of the two British sovereign military bases in an independent Cyprus. The conference postponed by one month the target date for independence from February 19.

The Foreign Secretary, who was making his first public statement since the conference adjourned, said: "I am hopeful we shall get agreement. There is still a good deal of work to be done and I hope some of it will be completed before I return to London on Friday."

The work is now being continued in committees here and in private talks that Archbishop Makarios and Dr. Fadil Kutchuk, President and Vice-President-Elect of Cyprus, are having with British Ministers.

The Commonwealth Relations Office issued a statement on the talks which the Archbishop and Dr. Kutchuk had with the Secretary, Lord Home, in the morning.

"It was agreed that the question of Cyprus' future association with the Commonwealth must be left for consideration by the Cypriot House of Representatives meeting after independence," the statement said.

Premier Predicts Larger Waves of Immigration

Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA. — Prime Minister Ben-Gurion last night predicted that Israel would see in the coming years larger waves of immigration than during the past 10 years; and the establishment of "farming towns" with a mixed agricultural-industrial character, on the pattern of the kibbutzim Afikim and Givat Brenner.

Mr. Ben-Gurion, speaking before the Ninth Convention of the Histadrut Agricultural Workers Association, said also that the workers movement would become united, as would the kibbutz movement.

Only one of Israel's large cities still had the right to grow, said Mr. Ben-Gurion, and that was Jerusalem. Mr. Ben-Gurion said that, if it were up to him, he would scatter Tel Aviv's 400,000 residents among 400 settlements throughout the country.

KAMERUN APPLIES TO JOIN U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — Kamerun, the world's newest state, has formally applied for U.N. membership. The application was contained in a cable sent on Tuesday to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold from Prime Minister Ahmadou Ahidjo.

France administered what was previously called the Cameroons under U.N. trusteeship until the West African territory attained nationhood last New Year's day.

Kazakhstan Party Chief Ousted after Harvest Failure

LONDON. — Moscow Radio yesterday announced a major reshuffle in the bread-basket Republic of Kazakhstan and confirmed that M. Nikolai Belyaev has been removed as the Republic's communist Party chief.

The broadcast said the Kazakhstan Premier, Mr. Dinmukhamed Kunaev, replaced Mr. Belyaev as the Communist Party's First Secretary, according to a decision of a session of the Kazakhstan Supreme Soviet.

Mr. Zhumabek Tashenev, former Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, was appointed to replace Mr. Kunaev as Republican Premier.

The brief Moscow broadcast made no mention of Mr. Belyaev by name, but announced that Mr. Kunaev had been released from his duties as Kazakhstan's Premier to assume the top party post in the republic.

'Trouble-Shooter'

In 1957 Premier Khrushchev sent Mr. Belyaev to the huge grain-producing republic as a trouble shooter. Mr. Khrushchev's massive virgin lands scheme centres mainly on Kazakhstan.

Mr. Belyaev and Mr. Kunaev were both criticized last month by Mr. Nikita Khrushchev in a speech on December 25. He held them responsible for losing part of the Republic's harvest this year as the result of bad organization. Mr. Belyaev was singled out for failing to report to Moscow serious shortcomings in Kazakhstan's agricultural situation.

Mr. Belyaev had been the only member of the Soviet Communist Party's ruling presidium working outside Moscow. He was also a secretary of the Central Committee.

Mr. Kunaev is also a member of the Central Committee. He is a deputy of the U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet, and had held the position of President of the Kazakh Academy of Sciences.

(UPI, Reuter)

Soviet Nose Cone Reported in Pacific

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The Defence Department announced last night that it is checking unconfirmed reports that the nose cone of a Russian missile has landed in the Pacific west of Hawaii, "in the vicinity of the sea area reserved by the U.S.S.R. for its long-range missile testing."

The announcement said:

"All of these reports are being evaluated to determine whether or not this was the nose cone or missile that the Soviets had planned for testing."

Earlier, Moscow reports said storms in the West Pacific may account for the absence of news about the Soviet rocket firing tests, due to take place between January 15 and February 15.

Research Vessel

Yesterday's edition of "Pravda" contained a brief report from a Soviet research vessel now in the West Pacific area, which said that the vessel had spent the last eight days in conditions of unreleting storm.

The ship, named as the Volyakov, reported that she had launched a meteorological rocket on January 17 and was conducting underwater and air observations regularly. Other Russian vessels have assumed patrolling stations around the rocket test area.

The Soviet Union is believed to be conducting tests of rockets capable of ranges of 8,000 miles or more from the heart of the Soviet Union.

Soviet-U.A.R. Loan Agreement Soon

CAIRO (Reuter).—Mr. Ignat Novikov, Soviet Minister of Power, said here yesterday that Russia and the U.A.R. would soon sign a loan agreement covering all the hard currency requirements of the Aswan High Dam.

In a statement before he left by air for Moscow, Mr. Novikov, who attended the ceremony inaugurating work on the first stage of the dam, said Russia's undertaking to build both stages of the dam would reduce costs by millions and millions of pounds and considerably shorten the period of construction.

He added: "I am sure the time is not far away when yellow sands will disappear from the map of your country to be replaced by the greenery of gardens and blossoming fields."

200,000 Indians Greet Voroshilov

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — Marshal Klimenti Voroshilov, the Soviet President, arrived here by air from Moscow yesterday on an official visit to India.

He was welcomed at the airport by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the Indian President, and by Prime Minister Nehru.

About 200,000 persons lined the avenues of the capital as the 78-year-old Marshal, standing and waving from an open car, drove with Dr. Prasad and Mr. Nehru to the Indian President's residence. The crowds, less than a quarter the size of those which recently greeted President Eisenhower, cheered and clapped as he passed.

Speaking on his arrival, the Soviet President said the example of cooperation between India and the Soviet Union demonstrated that nations with different social systems could work together.

Adenauer, Brentano In Rome For Talks

ROME (Reuter). — Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, arrived here yesterday with his Foreign Minister, Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, for talks with the Italian Government.

They were greeted at the airport by Foreign Minister Giuseppe Pella, other government officials and Vatican officers.

In a brief statement at the airport Dr. Adenauer said that there was "every probability the year 1960 will enter history as a year of political negotiations. To agree before these negotiations is an impelling necessity."

Tight security measures were enforced at the airport and strong patrols were posted at intervals along the nine-mile road into Rome.

'MUCH ANXIETY' OVER BEVAN'S CONDITION

LONDON (Reuter). — The condition of Mr. Aneurin Bevan, 62-year-old deputy leader of the Labour Party, who underwent an operation three weeks ago, "causes much anxiety," a hospital bulletin said yesterday.

De Gaulle Stands Firm On Policy for Algeria

Mrs. Meir Confers With de Murville

By ISRAEL NEUMANN
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PARIS. — Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir yesterday conferred during and after luncheon with her French counterpart, M. Maurice Couve de Murville. She later told correspondents that the meeting had been "delightful, pleasant and friendly as usual."

Mrs. Meir, who is returning to Israel today, said matters of mutual interest had been discussed, "but nothing to make headlines."

The luncheon and talks lasted from 1 till after 4 p.m. In their general tour d'horizon, Mrs. Meir and M. Couve de Murville reviewed the Middle East situation and problems of interest to both countries.

It is learned that the French Foreign Minister showed a great interest in Mrs. Meir's account of her African tour and what she had to say on cooperation between Israel and West African countries.

Answering another question on "the West's changing attitude to Israel," Mrs. Meir declared: "I do not comment on what journalists feel. It would be tragic if we felt such a change. We are not always in accord with our friends in the Middle East, but I would not interpret such actions as a change in their friendly attitude towards Israel."

No 'Changes'

Questioned on the Lebanese threat to divert the Hasbani River from the Jordan, Mrs. Meir said that cutting off sources of water is "vandalism of the gravest kind." But she expressed the hope that the Lebanon would not attempt to carry out its threat.

Present at the discussions between the two Foreign Ministers were M. Eric Carbonnel, the Director-General of the Quai d'Orsay; Mr. Mordechai Schneerson, Charge d'Affaires of the Israel Embassy, and Mr. Ze'ev Schek, Embassy Counsellor.

Before lunching with M. Couve de Murville, Mrs. Meir had friendly talks with M. Pierre Gilbert, the former Ambassador to Israel, and with Professor Rene Cassin, Vice-President of the Council of State and President of the Alliance Israelite.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Meir met with the Socialist Party leader, M. Guy Mollet.

Before her departure today, the Israel Foreign Minister is to confer with M. Jacques Soustelle, Minister for the Sahara and for Atomic Affairs, and a leading advocate of a Franco-Israel alliance.

Dag: ECAFE Parley Moved To Siam so Israel May Attend

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter).—Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, the Secretary-General, Tuesday night cancelled a scheduled session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) at Karachi and ordered it transferred instead to Bangkok, because Pakistan authorities declined to issue a visa for an Israel Government observer.

The session also was put back from February 17 to March 9 because of the administrative problems involved.

In an aide-memoire published Tuesday night, the Secretary-General said the principles involved were of "crucial importance." He identified these principles as "the right of the U.N. to determine which states are to be represented at meetings of its organs and the right of U.N. members to be present at meetings they are entitled to attend."

The Pakistan Government's action in refusing a visa to an Israel delegate gave him no choice but to take the "steps necessary to uphold the rights in question," he said.

UNEF 'Not Permanent'

KHARTOUM. (Reuter). — Mr. Hammarskjold, U.N. Secretary-General, said here yesterday that he "would not like to see the U.N. Emergency Force withdrawn from Gaza today, but it is not a permanent force.

"I have resisted sending a similar force to Lebanon or Laos, as the position in those countries is different. A similar emergency force would only be effective in separating two military units," he told a press conference after holding formal talks with the Sudan Foreign Minister, Ahmed Khair.

The U.N. Secretary-General left Khartoum for Cairo last night.

He is expected to have talks with U.A.R. officials during a brief one-day visit before leaving for Tunis.

The Cairo press has reported that Mr. Hammarskjold will raise the questions of the Jordan River dispute, the Inge Toft — a Danish vessel with an Israel cargo detained at Port Said for eight months, and the second detained ship, the Greek freighter Astypalea.

(Israel has announced her intention of drawing some of the Jordan waters to irrigate the Negev, while the Lebanon stated this week that she would divert the Hasbani river, which flows into the Jordan.

(The Astypalea, with an Israel cargo on board, has been detained at Port Said by the U.A.R. authorities since last December.)

Venezuelan Regime Nabs Major Opponent

CARACAS (Reuter). — Servelli Maldonado, considered one of the leading opponents of President Romulo Betancourt's Government in Venezuela, was captured Tuesday after a 20-minute gun battle in which one policeman was shot dead.

Police said documents relating to a "conspiracy" were found in the villa where Maldonado was arrested. Police had been seeking him since he escaped from jail several months ago.

Massu Vows Complete Loyalty

PARIS (Reuter).—The Government last night declared its determination to go through with President de Gaulle's self-determination policy in Algeria, in the face of rising tension there.

Earlier yesterday, the stormy petrel of the French Army in Algeria, Paratroop General Jacques Massu, explained to Defence Minister Pierre Guillaumat that he had not given any interview criticising Gen. de Gaulle that he and remained "unreservedly loyal" to his Commander-in-Chief, General Maurice Challe.

The Cabinet, meeting under the chairmanship of President de Gaulle, last night reaffirmed in a communique its "determination to pursue in Algeria the policy laid down by the head of the State, decided upon by the Government and approved by Parliament."

Renewed agitation in the city of Algiers has been caused by a recrudescence of attacks on unarmed civilians by insurgent agents and by a fear that General de Gaulle may want to make "concessions" to the insurgent leaders. The President has been credited in some quarters with the intention of "going further" than his self-determination declaration of last September, and this is what the European extremist leaders in Algiers claim to fear.

Fear Friday's Parley

Their fears have come to a head because on Friday General de Gaulle will be holding an extraordinary meeting with the chief civil and military officials in Algeria, including the Government's chief representative there, M. Paul Delouvrier, and General Challe.

Nervousness about the President's intentions has been further increased among European extremists in Algeria by the changes announced in Tunis in the "Algerian Provisional Government." Men reported to be specially linked to Cairo and Peking have been eliminated, and the present body, still headed by Ferhat Abbas, is reputed more favourable to negotiating with Gen. de Gaulle.

The President has revealed some of his ideas in recent days to two or three Algerian members of the National Assembly.

One report says that when asked what would happen to the French in Algeria if a majority of the Algerian population voted for independence, Gen. de Gaulle replied that he thought the Oran and the Algiers provinces would remain French under any vote, but that possibly the issue might go otherwise in Constantine (the Eastern portion of Algeria and stronghold of the nationalist rebellion) and that this might have to be accepted.

Gen. Massu, summoned here from Algiers because of an interview in a Munich paper, made his declaration of loyalty yesterday in a communique.

It was apparently accepted, and no disciplinary action is now expected.

General Massu affirmed that he and his army corps were behind General Maurice Challe, "without any mental reservation," and that the Moslem masses still had confidence in President de Gaulle.

His communique was issued through the Defence Ministry, after he had had an hour's talk with M. Guillaumat.

A spokesman said that in view of this "it can be taken that we accept the views therein expressed by General Massu."

General Massu was recalled to Paris on Tuesday to explain statements — which he has denied — published in the Munich "Suddeutsche Zeitung." The newspaper quoted him as saying in an interview that the French army "had perhaps made a mistake" over General de Gaulle and "no longer understood his policy."

Franco-Israel Trade Talks in Difficulties

POST Political Reporter

Unforeseen difficulties have arisen in the France-Israel trade negotiations now under way in Jerusalem over the French delegation's reluctance to accord full trade liberalization rights to Israel goods on the French market. The liberal policy requested by Israel is similar to that granted to all members of the Organization for European Economic Cooperation. Such trade privileges are being accorded to Israel by other O.E.E.C. members, including England, Sweden and the Benelux countries.

Last night, however, circles close to the Israel delegation said a last-minute agreement on Israel's request was again in sight. It is understood that Foreign Minister Golda Meir has been requested to raise the matter at her meeting in Paris yesterday with the French Minister, M. Couve de Murville, since it appeared that only high-level Quai d'Orsay intervention can bring the talks to mutual agreement (See Column 7).

Talks Extended

The trade talks, which opened 11 days ago, were scheduled to be concluded last Friday, but had been extended by absence of agreement on Israel's major demand. Israel exports to France decreased from $7m. in 1958 to $4m. in 1959, while the import of French goods to Israel grew from $14m. to $20m. during the same period.

This unfavourable trade balance is mainly due to quantitative restrictions imposed on Israel exports to France, although restrictive quotas have been abolished among all the O.E.E.C. countries, as well as between Israel and several O.E.E.C. members.

The 10-man French delegation is headed by M. Christian de Margerie, an Assistant Director of the Quai d'Orsay's Economic Department, while the Israel delegation, of equal strength, is headed by Mr. Avizear Chelouche, Director of the Foreign Ministry's Economic Division. Representatives of the Israel and French Ministries of Finance and Commerce are members of both delegations.

K-F Takes Renault To Court in Paris

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — The Renault affair yesterday entered the legal stage when Kaiser-Frazer of Haifa filed a claim with the Commercial Tribunal here for damages plus interest, totalling $1,872,700, arising from the French car firm's breach of contract.

Efforts to settle the matter out of court failed after three months of negotiations and despite several attempts at mediation. The most notable of these was that of the American Willys company, which has close commercial ties with both sides.

Renault was prepared only to pay damages far below the Kaiser-Frazer claim. Regie National, the French Government company which controls Renault, has adopted a more intransigent position since the recent decision of the Arab League to remove the boycott on its products.

Diplomatic circles joined in the mediation effort, fearing the possible repercussions of a court action. But according to Mr. Israel Zalioux, the Haifa company's attorney, Renault showed no anxiety to reach an acceptable compromise. It is thought probable that Regie National had been hoping the Israel firm might be induced by political considerations to withdraw its claim.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The White House announced to Washington last night that President Eisenhower would visit Japan about June 10, after his tour of the Soviet Union.

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Social & Personal

Representatives of the Police Force yesterday honoured the Minister of Police, Mr. Behor Shalom Shitrit, on his 65th birthday, with a certificate attesting that 65 trees had been planted in his name in the Police Forest.

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The acting Norwegian Chargé d'Affaires and Mrs. Per Vennemoe were guests of Mrs. Chaim Weizmann yesterday for tea at her residence in Rehovot.

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The Canadian Ambassador, Miss B. Margaret Meagher, visited the Bellinson hospital on Wednesday, met with members of the Kupat Holim Executive, and was their guest at luncheon.

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Mrs. Rose Halperin, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive in New York, yesterday visited Yad Vashem, accompanied by Dr. A. Kubovy, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Council.

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Mr. Morris DeWoskin, Chairman of the Chicago Friends of the Hebrew University, and Mr. Harold Fuerstenberg, of Chicago, visited the Hebrew University yesterday and were the guests of honour at a luncheon given by the Vice-President, Prof. A. Dvoretzky.

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Mr. M. Levin, Director of the Israel Citrus Marketing Board in London and its Chief Representative in Europe, has arrived in Israel on C.M.B. business.

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Mr. A. Lipschutz, President of the Israel Diamond Exchange Ltd., left yesterday by air for Europe and U.S.A.

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Mr. Bernard Hecht, of U.S.O.M., will speak on "Quality Control" at today's (Thursday) meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club.

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The French film, "Les Quatre Cents Coups," will be presented under the sponsorship of the Israel-France Association at the Gat Cinema, Tel Aviv, this evening at 9.30.

BEN-GURION

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than the population as a whole. The low birth rate certainly was a matter for concern, but it had no connection with army service. The recent law granting monthly allowances to large families was only a beginning, and more would have to be done to encourage families to have more children.

How could it be said that we were no longer living in an emergency, Mr. Ben-Gurion asked. Was the Hitler-style anti-Semitic propaganda that emanates from Cairo not sufficient indication of emergency?

Technically, many women soldiers might be performing non-military tasks. But this did not mean that the job could be done by civilians, since a military framework was essential.

Committee to Study

At last Sunday's Cabinet meeting it had been decided that a committee should be appointed to study the whole question of women's service, the Prime Minister revealed. It would also look into the question of girls who gain exemption from service on the grounds that they are orthodox, when in fact they are not, he added.

Mr. Lorincz' bill was supported only by Agudat-Poalei Agudat, with the National Religious Party and the Communists abstaining.

Explaining his party's abstention, Mr. Yitzhak Raphael (N.R.P.) said that in principle they were opposed to the conscription of women. In fact, last year (when the N.R.P. was in the Opposition) it had submitted a bill to end women's conscription. He regretted that such a bill did not command a majority in the Fourth Knesset either. He welcomed the announcement about the committee which would study the question, and regarded it as a step towards an understanding of the question "in our spirit."

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J'lem Commission Holds Only Meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 13-man Jerusalem Commission held its first — and according to several members, its last — session on Wednesday evening.

In a 50-minute meeting the Commission chose its finance, town planning and tenders committees, and authorized Chief Commissioner Mordecai Ish-Shalom to sign contracts not exceeding IL. 10,000.

The opposition opposed the latter proposal, but it was passed by ten votes to two. (One Commissioner, Dr. A. Altman, was absent.)

District Court Judge Miriam Ben-Porat is to hear the application to validate the Jerusalem Municipal elections on January 27 (next Wednesday), it is learned.

The application was submitted by Mr. Colin Gillon, the State Attorney, on Wednesday following the publication of the "Jerusalem Law" in "Reshumot." The law authorizes the District Court to reconsider its decision to void the elections if it finds that the mistake which made their invalidation obligatory was made in good faith.

The Municipal elections were invalidated when it was shown in court that 50 envelopes, containing what would have been valid ballots, were not properly stamped. Among the ballots were five General Zionist votes, sufficient to give that party one seat in the Council at the expense of Mapai.

The current issue of "Yahdav," the organ of the Jerusalem Municipal Workers Committee, contains a special supplement dedicated to the late Gershon Agron. It contains articles on his life and work, eulogies on his passing, and a page of his selected sayings.

Dance Troupe's Decor 'Too Heavy' for Stage

TEL AVIV. — The sets of the Luisillo Spanish Dance Theatre are in the basement of the Mann Auditorium and cannot be used because the stage is not equipped to handle them, Mr. Luisillo told reporters at Beit Sokolow on Tuesday.

The curtains in particular are too big and heavy, he added.

The only effects used by the classical Spanish dance troupe so far have been lighting.

Mr. Luisillo said his troupe had also appeared in other countries without the decor, especially when performing in bull rings.

Mr. W. H. Robert, impresario, said the troupe had contracted to tour Israel until February 9. It will perform in Beersheba, Natanya, Hadera, Rehovot, Kiryat Haim and Kfar Warburg, as well as in the main cities.

DEFROST. — Sections of French roads will be heated electrically next winter to combat frost and ice.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
322, 256.4 & 240 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.30, 7.00 and 7.55 a.m., 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m.
English: 2.00 p.m. French: 2.15 p.m.
6.20 Religious Service (R). 6.37 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 9.00 Close Down.
11.00 a.m. Popular Concert: Dvorak: Overture "Carnival"; Vivaldi: Concerto in G minor for Flute, Oboe and Bassoon, Leopold Mozart: Cassation in G; Bizet: Suite "La Jolie Fille de Perth"; Kreisler: "Le Tambourin Chinois". 12.00 Women's Programme. 12.30 Lunchtime Music. 1.00 "The Orchestra conducted by..." The Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York. Couperin-Milhaud: Overture and Allegro from "Le Sultane" (Conductor: Dimitri Mitropoulos); Haydn: Symphony No. 96 (Conductor: Bruno Walter). 1.48 Where to Go? 2.00 Close Down.
4.30 Special Foreign Language Programme. 5.05 Request Programme for Oriental Music. 5.35 Mishna Lesson. 5.45 Children's Corner. 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 Popular Songs & Dances. 7.20 Hebrew Songs. 7.45 Daily Hebrew. 7.50 Sports. 7.59 Announcements on Kol Yisrael Programmes. 8.00 Round a Subject. 8.50 Bible Reading: Yeshayahu Chapa 33 & 34. 9.10 Political Commentary. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.20 Brain's Trust. 10.05 The Week at the Knesset. 10.30 Light Music. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
480, 297, 412.5 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 Moorabit. 6.30 News in Easy Hebrew. 6.45 Polish. 7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 "The String Quartets from Haydn to Mendelssohn" Mendelssohn: Quartet in D, opus 44 No. 1 played by the Curtis Quartet. 8.40 Piano Recital by Vigal Rugatchevsky. Prokofiev: Prelude ("The Harp"); Schumann: Romance in F sharp major; Liszt: Mephisto Waltz; Constantino: Ballerito. 9.00 Ladino. 9.30 Hungarian. 9.45 Rumanian. 10.00 News in English.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
407 & 41.7 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30-7.15 a.m. 1.15-2.15 & 10.30-11.45 p.m.

KOL YISRAEL LAGOLA (32.8 M.): Programme to the U.S.: 10.30 News. 10.40 "Editorial Opinion." 10.50 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

Programme to South Africa: 6.15 News. 6.25 Editorial Opinion. 6.35 Afrikaans Programme.

ARMY PROGRAMME (216, 225 and 235 M.): 6.00 Opening. 6.03 Request Programme. 6.40 Songs. 6.58 Announcements. 7.00 News. 7.10 "Bow & Arrow." 7.40 Songs of the Army's Diary." 8.15 "Intermezzo." 8.30 Light Music Quiz. 9.00 News. 9.15 "Merry Rhythm." 9.30 The Pikud Hamercaz Troupe. 10.15 Evening Tunes. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (30.26, 25.12, 19.76, 13.46 & 16.86 M.): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. News Comment. Actualities: Israel Oranges arrive in Britain.

MUSIC U.S.A.; VOICE OF AMERICA—English Programme: 5.00, 6.00 and 7.00 a.m. News. U.N. Review and Music on 25 and 31 M. 8.00, 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. News, New Horizons on 19 M. 3.00 p.m. News, New Horizons on 11, 13 and 19 M. 4.00 and 5.00 p.m. News, U.N. Review and Music on 19 & 25 M. 6.00 p.m. News, New Horizons on 11, 19, 25, 31 and 41 M. 7.00 p.m. News, Near East Notebook on 13, 19 and 25 M. 7.30 p.m. Listener's Log on 13, 19 and 25 M. 8.00 p.m. News, African Notebook on 19 and 25 M. 8.30 p.m. Forum (Behavioural Sciences) on 19 and 25 M. 9.00 and 10.00 p.m. News, Music, USA on 19 and 25 M. 11.00 p.m. News, Commentator's Digest on 19, 25, 31, 41 M. and 238 K. 11.30 p.m. Forum (Behavioural Sciences) on 25, 31, 41 M. and 238 K. 12.00 p.m. News, Commentator's Digest on 31, 31 M. and 238 K.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme (434 & 425 M.): News: 7.30 a.m. 2.00, 7.00, 11.00 a.m.
7.45 a.m. The Coca Cola Programme. 9.00 Melodies & Memories. 9.30 Popular Light Orchestra. 9.00 Miniature Concert. 9.30 Emergency. 9.45 Piano Playtime. 10.00 Felix Kine. 10.30 B.B.C. Bandstand. 11.00 The Final Year. 11.15 Light Music. 11.30 Teller of Tales. 12.00 Midday Melodies. 2.15 p.m. "The Name is Shaze." 2.30 "Yours Sincerely." 6.45 The Lanttis Programme. 7.45 Strange Stories of the Sea. 10.00 Vanished Without Trace. 10.15 Stars of Song. 10.30 Danger Point.

Jet-Age hostesses and stewards of El Al before an airliner they will now fly after having received their "wings" and graduation certificates at Lydda Airport recently. From left to right: hostesses Tchia, Nitza, Yardena, Daphne, Raya, Bracha, Esther, Rachel, Hedda, Ruth; and stewards Tuvia Totterman, Yehiel Barkan and Benni Caspi.

Six 'Sherut' Groups Coming from U.K.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Six groups will come to Israel from Britain during 1960 to spend a year working in Kibbutzim, Mrs. Betty Bloom, organizing secretary of the *Shnat Sherut* (Year of Service) scheme in the U.K., has told *The Jerusalem Post*. The nine-year-old scheme has so far brought 400 young men and women between the ages of 18 and 30 to work in settlements in this country. An estimated 40 per cent of the participants have either remained here or later returned as immigrants.

The latest group to arrive has been attached to Kibbutz Hasolelim, near Nazareth.

Mrs. Bloom said there had been more Gentile than Jewish applicants for *Shnat Sherut*, as a result of advertisements in British weeklies and the Jewish press, and the London office of *Shnat Sherut*, run by the Jewish Agency and the Federation of Zionist Youth, had intended organizing a special non-Jewish group. This, however, had not materialized owing to budgetary difficulties.

2 Israelis Going On 'Round Africa' Flight

TEL AVIV. — The owner of a Tel Aviv cafe and a local reporter plan to leave on February 10 in a single-engine, twin-seater plane on a trip which they describe as "around Africa in 80 days."

A former El Al captain, Mr. Abe Nathan, who is now manager of the California Cafe, plans to fly a Fokker or Piper cub, on the 25,000 mile trip, entering Africa from Gibraltar.

ASIAN SCIENTISTS FOR REHOVOT PARLEY

REHOVOT. — Fifteen of the world's foremost scientists in physics, medicine and public health, physiology, and population problems are among the latest to accept the invitation of the President of the Weizmann Institute, Mr. Abba Eban, to deliver papers at the 1960 International Conference on Science in the Advancement of New States.

The Conference will be held at the Institute in August. The latest acceptances bring the number of lecturers so far to 45.

Three well-known Asian scientists have just informed Mr. Eban of their proposed participation. They are:

Dr. Homi J. Bhabha, F.R.S., Chairman of the Indian Atomic Energy Commission, and Professor of Experimental Physics at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research at Bombay; Dr. Minoru Tachi, Director of the Institute of Population Problems in the Japanese Ministry of Health, Tokyo; and Dr. Atsushi Watanabe, of the Institute of Microbiology at the University of Tokyo.

The first participant from Eastern Europe is Dr. Kyrille Popoff, atomic physicist and member of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in Sofia. It is expected that other scientists from Eastern European countries will also attend.

In announcing the most recent acceptances, Mr. Eban stated that the list was not yet complete and further replies were to be expected within the near future.

Different Types Of Secondary School Urged

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Dr. Zvi Adar, Director of the Hebrew University's School of Education, on Tuesday night advocated different levels of secondary education, as in Great Britain, and called for "secondary education for all."

It will be one of the most important developments in Israel when all young people are given secondary education. But it should not be imagined that all can absorb the same type," Dr. Adar said in his lecture at Beit Sokolow.

He supported a policy of "trial and error" in secondary schooling, and he regretted that there was not enough experimentation at present.

What Israel secondary schools should teach was not at all clearly defined, he declared. Mr. Adar pointed out that practically all secondary school teachers working here now were educated in this country. This, he said, puts a very heavy responsibility on the Hebrew University. Only 150 new teachers would graduate from the University this year, while 300 were needed.

LYDDA FLIGHTS

THURSDAY

ARRIVALS: El Al 102, from Johannesburg, Leopoldville and Kano — 0835. B.O.A.C. 303, from Teheran — 1345. Air France 439, from Teheran — 1545. El Al 410, from Istanbul — 1615. El Al 304, from Nicosia — 2040. B.E.A. 128, from London, Zurich and Athens — 2100. El Al 206, from New York, London Paris and Rome — 2130. Air France 132, from Paris, Rome and Athens — 2200. Alitalia 450, from Rome — 2225. T.W.A. 802, from New York, Paris, Zurich, Milan, Rome and Athens—2345. Olympic 614, from Athens and Nicosia — 0050. El Al 428, from Amsterdam — 1245. B.O.A.C. 0140.

DEPARTURES: Swissair 331, to Athens and Zurich — 0700. El Al 425, to Zurich and Amsterdam — 0900. Cyprus Airways 33, to Nicosia, Ankara, Istanbul, Rome and London — 0825. El Al 409, to Istanbul — 0900. B.E.A. 127, to Athens, Rome and London — 0930. Sabena 538, to Athens, Vienna and Brussels — 0945. K.L.M. 526, to Rome and Amsterdam, Zurich and Athens 303, to Geneva and London 1345. Air France 139, to Rome and Paris — 1645. El Al 303 to Nicosia — 1730.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

• **Music:—**
Evening with Shlomo Rosowsky prior to his departure for the U.S.A. organized by Jerusalem Association of Artists and Teachers. Participants: Amiram Rigai, Rose Sander, Isia Braker, Aryeh Zemanek, Shmuel Serversisky, Rubin Music Academy, 8.30.

• **Tours:—**
Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.
Hebrew University: Conducted tour in English, at 12 noon, daily, New University Campus.

• **Exhibitions:—**
Oils by Naomi Eines, Rina Gallery, 13 Shlomzion Hamalka (entrance Rehov Yanai). Tel. 3910. 10-1, 4-7.
Artists House: 10-1, 4-6: Oils by Sala Ruscoli and Zita Weiss. Mixed-media paintings and linocuts by Frank Rosen and Sydney Goldblatt of South Africa.
Safrai Art Gallery, 37 Jaffa Road. Tel. 63737. Est. 1935. 8-1, 3-7. Friday 8-2. New exhibition: paintings by Nahum Cohen. All purchases mailed upon request.
Bezalel National Museum:—
Permanent exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art; Archaeological objects. Primitive Art. Portraits from the Museum's collection; Dutch paintings from the Museum's collection; Graphics by Hermann Struck. 9-1, 2.30-5.
• **Zoo:—**
Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. 9-6.

TEL AVIV

• **Yiddish Comedy:—**
"Home, Sweet Home" — Benzion Witler, Shifra Lerer. Old Mograbi Hall. 8.45.
• **Spanish Dancers and Singers:—**
Luisillo and his Spanish Theatre Ballet. Mann Auditorium. Sold out. 8.30.
• **Theatre:—**
Habimah: "The Trees Die Standing." 8.30.
Cameri: "A Doll's House." 8.30.
Ohel: "Hotel Paradise." 8.30.
• **Tourist Service:—**
Visit Hadassah Club, 80 Rehov Havarkon, Tel 28229.
Wizo Club, 91 Rehov Havarkon, Tel. 26825. 8 a.m.—2 p.m.
• **Zoological Gardens:—**
Open 8 a.m.—6 p.m. daily.
• **Exhibitions:—**
Kibbutz Art and Sculpture, Beit Dizengoff. 10-1, 4-7.
"The Group of Ten" exhibit their paintings and sculptures. Helena Rubinstein Pavilion. 10-1, 4-7.
Ancient Glass Exhibition, Museum Ha'aretz, near Ramat Aviv. 10-5.
• **Y.O.A. House:—**
Documentary Films, 7.
Tourist Service 9 a.m.—9 p.m.

HAIFA

• **Theatre:—**
Ohel: "One More River." Armoni, 9.
• **Tourist Centre:—**
Hadassah Club, Youth Aliya Offices, 22 Hehaluts. Tel. 67965.
• **French Vocal Quartet:—**
Les Freres Jacques, Hebrew moderator: Uri Zohar, May, 9.
• **Flowers:—**
Demonstration on the Art of Flower Arrangements, by Mrs. Gretel Lewis, of New Zealand. Rothschild Community Centre, Merkaz Hacarmel, 10.30 a.m.

NATANYA

• **Theatre:—**
Habimah: "Twelve Angry Men," 8.30.

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LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post January 21, 1960

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Criminal Appeals
Before Justices Bussman, Berinson and Witkon.

David Paldon, Appellant, v. The Attorney-General, Respondent (Cr. A. 158/59).

Criteria for Defence in Statutory Rape

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on May 27, 1959 (in Cr. C. 566/57).

The appellant, David Paldon, was charged in the Tel Aviv District Court with unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl under the age of 16 years. He pleaded in his defence that he believed the girl to have been 16 years old. He had declared in a statement he made to the police before he was charged that, from her external appearance, he would have said the girl was 16 years old. A doctor testified that the girl was between 15½ and 16 years old but that from her external appearance she could be taken for as much as 17.

The District Court rejected Paldon's defence, found him guilty and sentenced him to 18 months' imprisonment.

Section 152(1)(c) of the Criminal Code Ordinance, 1936, provides that: "Any person who has unlawful sexual intercourse ... with a child under the age of 16 years is guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for 14 years.... Provided that, it shall be a sufficient defence to any charge of having unlawful sexual intercourse with a female ... if it shall be made to appear to the court before which the charge shall be brought that the person so charged had reasonable cause to believe that the female was of or above the age of 16 years."

Paldon appealed against his conviction to the Supreme Court. Miss Ben-Itto appeared for the appellant and Dr. Eltiss, Deputy State Attorney, for the respondent.

Judgment

Justice Berinson, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, said that the evidence showed that the appellant had had reasonable cause to believe that the girl in question had been 16 years of age. But, he continued, in accordance with the principles of English jurisprudence it is not sufficient in an offence of this nature for the accused to have had reasonable cause for believing a girl to have been 16, he must also show that he had in fact believed this to be the case (see R.V. Banks, 1916, 2 K.B. 621; and R.V. Harrison, 1938, 3 AELR, 134).

That means, he continued, that a person accused of unlawful sexual intercourse who pleads in his defence that he had a reasonable cause to believe the girl was 16 years or more is in a very difficult position. For he must satisfy the court not only of the existence of a reasonable cause for his belief, which is more or less an objective fact, but also that he himself believed this at the time, which is a subjective matter and very difficult to prove. It would seem, therefore, held Justice Berinson, that, if in the present case it were proved that there had been reasonable cause to believe that the girl had been 16 years or more, and if there were something additional to show that the appellant had in fact so believed, then he was entitled to benefit from the defence contained in the proviso to section 152(1)(c), unless, of course, it were clear from all the circumstances of the case that the evidence on this latter point was not credible or tenable.

The appellant had told the police, continued Justice Berinson, that he thought the girl was sixteen years old and, at the time and in the circumstances, there was no reason for doubting his word. In addition, the doctor's evidence pointed to the existence of a reasonable cause for believing the girl to be 16 years old. The appellant had therefore proved all that is necessary in order to benefit from the defence provided by section 152(1)(c) and he should therefore be acquitted.

Appeal allowed.

Judgment given on January 7, 1960.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
3.30, 6.45, 8.45

ARNON: Imitation of Life.
EDEN: Night of a Quarter Moon.
ORION: Anatomy of a Murder. 3.30, 6, 8.30.
OR-GIL: Some Like It Hot.
ORNA: Blue Jeans.
RON: Mother India.
SEMADAR: Peyton Place.
ZION HALL: Les dragueurs.
TEL OR: Jesse James' Women.
EDISON: Salti Ignoti ("We Are Thieves").
STUDIO: Porte des Lilas.

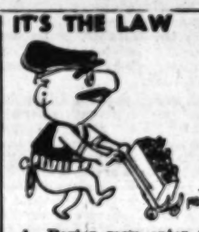
TEL AVIV
4, 7.30, 9.30

ALLENBY: From Here to Eternity.
ARMON DAVID: The Nun's Story. 6.30, 9.15.
CHEN: Orfeu Negro.
EDEN: Dahab. 3.30, 7, 9.
ESTHER: The Journey.
GAT: Swan Lake.
HOD: Honeymoon.
MAXIM: Escuela nd Cancioni, 4, 6.15, 8.15.
MIGDALOR: Das Dreimaedlerhaus.
MOGRABI: On the Waterfront.
OPHIR: Nuits d'Europe.
ORION: Not Much, Too Soon.
PEER: Hiroshima, mon amour.
SHDEROTH: The Black Orchid.
TAMAR: The Girl and the Pablo.
TCHELET: Young Man with a Horn.
TEL AVIV: The Best of Everything.
YARON: Brute Force.
ZAMIR: The Road to Life. 10.15, 11.45, 1.30, 3.15, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30.
ZAFON: Destiny of a Man.

HAIFA
4, 6.45, 9

ORION: Days of Glory.
ATZMON: The Nun's Story. 6.15, 9.
PEER: En cas de malheur ("Love is My Profession").
MIRON: La Violetera.
ORAH: The Best Years of Our Lives. 5, 8.15.
AMPHITHEATRE: A Private's Affair.
TAMAR: La Ballerina e Buon Dio ("The Dancer and God").
ARMON: The Captain's Table.
EN DOR: Passion.
OBLY: Room at the Top. 6.45, 9.
MORIAH: The Hanging Tree.
GAL OR: Club de femmes.
MAY: Sois belle et tais-toi.
RAMAT GAN: Faibles femmes. 7.15, 9.30.

IT'S THE LAW



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Today's Postbag

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Weather Synopsis: A barometric ridge which developed over our region caused the gradual stabilization of the weather.

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Mt. Cana'an	60	7	13	14
Tiberias	69	17	19	22
Haifa Port	67	16	19	21
Natanya	68	15	21	22
Tel Aviv Kirya	69	13	20	21
Tel Aviv Port	67	16	18	19
Lydda Airport	63	5	15	21
Jerusalem	60	8	13	15
Beersheba	63	7	17	30
Sdom	44	16	24	26
Eilat	56	13	22	24

*) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Minimum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Shmuel Ben-tsur, Assistant Director-General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, from a visit to Switzerland and Austria on Ministry business (by El Al).

Mr. Jacob Botoshansky, editor of the Buenos Aires, Argentina, Yiddish newspaper, "Dis Presse," and President of the Argentine Jewish Journalists' Association, for a month's visit as guest of the Government (by El Al).

Mr. Pinhas Rabinov, from Peru and Chile on a United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod mission.

DEPARTURES

Mr. Nathan Raviv, Israel Consul and Trade Commissioner in New York, after a week of consultations (by El Al).

Mr. Eddie Flaxman, Sales Director of Edal Co., Leeds, England, specializing in the distribution of carbon paper and inked ribbons, after a four-day visit to the Oniyah Carbon Paper Factory, Tel Aviv, to sign a contract for the exclusive sale of Oniyah products in Great Britain.

Mr. Joseph Lutsky, Vice-President of DAIA — the Jewish community council of Argentina, for home, after participating in the Zionist General Council (by Air France).

Rabbi Joseph Kahaneman, Dean of the Ponevez Yeshiva in B'nei Brak, for South Africa, on yeshiva affairs (by Air France).

THE REGULAR fortnightly convoy went up to Mt. Scopus yesterday, carrying supplies and a change of guard as well as Hebrew University and Hadassah personnel.

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A POSTMARK reading "U.J.A. Resettles the Land" will be stamped on postal matter in the Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa post offices as of February 1 and will remain in use until the end of the month.

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A BOOKLET and a short film on Israel's international relations has been prepared by the Civic Information Services for use during a month-long project to acquaint the public with the work of the Foreign Ministry.

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CLAIMING that he "could have embezzled thousands, and didn't," Rahamim Cohen, 22, was sentenced on Tuesday to three months' imprisonment plus 18 months suspended, for embezzling IL26 two-and-a-half years ago. Cohen, while a clerk in the Jerusalem Licensing Office, juggled his book-keeping to hide the sum he had taken for himself from fees paid to him for driver's licence renewals.

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CURRENCY in circulation declined by IL180,330 this week. Foreign currency reserves dropped by IL18,387 and Treasury notes and Government promissory notes by IL161,979.

Histadrut in Montreal Gives $.35m. for Stadium

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The sum of $350,000 to build a new local soccer stadium to seat 30,000 spectators was donated to the Histadrut on Wednesday.

The money has been pledged by the Histadrut Campaign in Montreal and the agreement was signed on Wednesday by Mr. Bernard Bloomfield, National Chairman of the Histadrut Campaign in Canada and President of the Israel Continental Oil Company which is drilling in this country. The ceremony took place in the office of Mr. Y. Haskin, the Histadrut Treasurer.

The field will be called the "Bloomfield Stadium," in honour of the brothers Bernard and Louis M. Bloomfield, K.C., President of the Montreal Histadrut Campaign.

It is intended to build the new stadium on the site of Tel Aviv Hapoel's "Bassa" ground in Jaffa. Negotiations are under way with the Municipality for lease of part of the Municipal park adjoining the football ground.

The new arena, to be designed by Mr. Max Galpaz of Haifa, will be built like an American college football stadium. It will be adapted to international fixtures, as the Ramat Gan stadium seats only 16,000 spectators.

"We believe this contribution will be valuable to the city of Tel Aviv, the youth of Israel, and an asset in the fight against juvenile delinquency," Mr. Bernard Bloomfield told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Burmese Going Home After Year's Training

The Burmese army group which arrived in Israel in November, 1958 to study cooperative living here was given a farewell reception by the "Burma Committee" last night at the Ruppin Agricultural School.

The group of eight families and 42 bachelors served a year's "apprenticeship" at Ayalet Hashahar, Kfar Yeheskel, Kfar Hittin and Kfar Hess.

The "Committee" comprises representatives of the Foreign and Defence Ministries and the Histadrut Executive.

Among those present were the Burmese Ambassador to Israel, U Hla Maung; Israel's former Ambassador to Burma, Mr. David Hacohen, M.K., and Alut Mordechai Limon, in Charge on Economic Planning for Bnei Brak at the Ministry of Defence.

Major Thon Shwe, who headed the group, told the gathering that they intended to establish a workers' cooperative in Burma similar to Kfar Yeheskel.

Aranne Postpones Reply on Schools

The reply of the Minister of Education to the Knesset debate on the situation in the secondary schools was yesterday deferred until next week. The reply had been scheduled for yesterday.

Mr. Aranne was called on to speak at 1:15 p.m. yesterday, about the time the Knesset usually adjourns on Wednesdays. He said he was prepared to speak, but thought the subject warranted an audience that did not have one foot out of the door.

Anti-Boycott Plan Being Prepared

POST Knesset Reporter

The new department in the Foreign Ministry which was set up to deal with the Arab boycott is now working on a programme of action, the Prime Minister said in the Knesset yesterday. He was replying to a motion for the agenda by Mr. Peretz Bernstein (General Zionists).

Referring to the Renault and Air France episodes and to the establishment of the new department, Mr. Bernstein asked whether the Government really had any policy on the Arab boycott. While he could understand that a debate in the plenary might be out of the question, surely the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee should discuss the matter.

Mr. Ben-Gurion replied that a distinction must be made between the Renault and Air France cases. Renault's abrogation of its contract with Kaiser-Frazer of Israel had undoubtedly been a surrender to the Arab boycott.

Quai d'Orsay Knew

The surrender was not by Renault alone, for this was a Government company, and it was inconceivable that the French Foreign Ministry had not known of the matter or even given its approval. This was regrettable and a cause for concern.

Air France, on the other hand, still maintained its agreement with El Al. What had happened was that El Al had proposed a broadening of the agreement and Air France had in the end rejected the proposal.

While the damage caused by the boycott was not great, as a matter of principle we could not sit back and do nothing, Mr. Ben-Gurion said. But whatever action should be taken, it could not be taken by Israel alone. Israel's two-million population could not do much against 70 or 80 million Arabs.

The plans now being worked out by the Foreign Ministry's new department would soon be brought before the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, the Prime Minister said. He agreed that Mr. Bernstein's motion should be referred to the committee.

Makleff Presents Plans To Up Potash Output Five-Fold

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SDOM. — Plans to raise potash output five-fold and develop new products at the Dead Sea Works in the course of the next five years were outlined here on Wednesday by the Managing Director of the Company, Rav-Aluf Mordecai Makleff, in his address before the Israel Geological Society.

Rav-Aluf Makleff gave no details on how large an investment would be required to carry out his schemes, which include the piping of Zohar gas to Sdom and the construction of a dam across the southern end of the Dead Sea.

Potash production in 1959 totalled 110,000, some 25,000 tons short of the company's estimates. According to Rav-Aluf Makleff's plan, such failures in estimates will be obviated in the future by use of thermal evaporation processes — exploiting gas from the Zohar fields to generate steam — to supplement the vagaries of the sun, which now is the sole source of energy for evaporating Dead Sea brine.

The dam across the sea to replace the evaporation pans now in use would eliminate the need to wash the salts and at the same time increase the raw material potential to make possible the installation of an additional refinery line.

Industrial Potash

Simultaneously with the plans to increase production and cheapen the process, the plant is investigating a method of manufacturing potash of industrial purity, as well as refined table salt.

The generation of steam from Zohar gas would also provide a cheap source of power for the electrolytic refining of metallic magnesium. The electricity is also needed for the manufacture of chlorine, bromine and bromine products.

He predicted that the five-fold increase in potash output would add $20m. annually to Israel's export sales. Most of the increase would probably be directed to the fertilizer-poor countries of Asia and Africa, further strengthening our reciprocal trade relations.

Moreover, at a production rate of 500,000 tons of potash a year, the Dead Sea Works would be returning, at current world prices, a profit of up to IL5m. on its investment, Rav-Aluf Makleff said. These monies could serve to finance further regional development plans.

I.P.O. a Sell-Out On Cyprus Visit

By AVRAHAM LEVIN
POST Special Correspondent

NICOSIA. — The two performances of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra at the Cinema Hall here last night and tonight were sold out a week in advance.

The Orchestra, here on a two-day "goodwill tour" under the baton of Mr. Jean Martinon, also gave a free concert for secondary school students yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Ze'ev Levin, Israel Consul here, said the tour, organized by the Israel Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Consulate, marks the first appearance of any symphony orchestra here.

The Orchestra will fly back to Israel tonight, after attending a reception following the concert.

The young people at the afternoon concert were welcomed by Mr. Levin as well as by Dr. Spiridakis, Director of the Board of Education of the Greek community, and Mr. M. Nedjpet, member of the Board of Education of the Turkish community. Following the concert, two girls, representing both communities, presented flowers to Mr. Martinon.

The programme included Smetana's "The Bartered Bride," Avidom's Symphony No. 6 and Weber's "Invitation to the Dance."

LASKOV, BEN-NATAN IN EILAT AREA

EILAT. — The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Hayim Laskov, the Director-General of the Ministry of Defence, Mr. Asher Ben-Natan, and senior Army officers yesterday reviewed Gadna exercises at Be'er Ora. The group also visited Army camps in Eilat and vicinity. (Ilan)

Death Camp Witness Found

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Mr. Rudolf Reder, who is believed to be the sole survivor of the Belzec death camp near Lemberg, is living in Montreal, Canada under the name "Roman Robak," *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

Mr. Reder-Robak was sought by the Documentation Centre here as the only known person whose evidence could convict the Nazis responsible for the slaughtering of 600,000 Jews at Belzec.

The evidence had been requested by the Public Prosecutor of Ludwigsburg (West Germany), Dr. Zeug, for the trial of S.S. Unterstrumbahnfuehrer, Josef Oberhauser, who is believed to have been Deputy Commandant of the camp. The Commandant, Wirth, was killed in an accident in 1944.

The Director of the Centre, Mr. Tuvya Friedman, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he received the address of a female relative of Reder-Robak on Tuesday. After *The Jerusalem Post* and Kol Yisrael last weekend had announced that he was being sought, the Documentation Centre received letters from all over the country containing leads. One of them referred the Centre to the woman, who lives in Kiryat Shalom.

Wrote Pamphlet

When Mr. Friedman visited her yesterday, she informed him that Reder, now 77, lives at 91 Bernhard Avenue in Montreal. She gave him a booklet, describing the crimes committed by the Nazis in Belzec, which Reder published in Polish.

Mr. Friedman has written to Reder and informed Dr. Zeug of the discovery. Earlier this week, the Documentation Centre had received a second letter from Dr. Zeug, urging Mr. Friedman to do everything possible to help bring Oberhauser to Justice. "We must not let the 600,000 Jews go unavenged just because there are so few survivors," he wrote. He also sent photos of Oberhauser in S.S. uniform.

Israel to Exhibit Wares In Kenya and Rhodesia this Year

Bulawayo, Rhodesia and Nairobi, Kenya are the two newest cities to be added to the list of international trade fairs in which Israel is to participate this year. This was revealed at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday by Mr. Eytan Haezrahi, Director of the Ministry of Commerce Export Division, and by Dr. Eli Justic-Dayan, Director of the Israel Exhibitions and Fairs Corporation.

Dr. Justic-Dayan who just returned from Africa where he made final arrangements for the Bulawayo and Nairobi exhibitions, added that Israel would renew its participation in the trade fair in Johannesburg.

In Nairobi the exhibition is to be a strictly Israel affair and will be held in the City Hall. The opening date is scheduled for the end of this month.

In Johannesburg, the Israel pavilion will be part of the general trade exhibition which is being held in April to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Union of South Africa. Dr. Justic-Dayan revealed that the Israel pavilion would be opened by the Prime Minister, Dr. Verwoerd.

The Bulawayo fair in May is to be opened by Queen Mother Elizabeth of England. Dr. Justic-Dayan pointed out that the same panels and other prefabricated parts will be used in the Israel pavilions in all three exhibitions and will be transported overland from one to the other by truck.

Mr. Haezrahi said that Israel would participate in 18 trade fairs this year compared to 14 last year. In addition to the three African fairs, Israel pavilions will also be opened at fairs in: Frankfurt, Lyons, Osaka, New York, Chicago, Poznan, Plovdiv (Bulgaria), Zagreb, Belgrade, Izmir, Saloniki and Toronto. Israel firms will also participate in the textile industry fair in Dusseldorf and in the food industry fair in Munich.

The speakers pointed out that the company had effected substantial savings by opening its own workshops to prepare exhibits, instead of giving the work out to subcontractors.

Electricity Cheaper From February

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Electricity is to become cheaper, according to a decision of the Board of Directors of the Electric Corp. The new rates, which are subject to the approval of the Ministerial Economic Committee, will probably take effect on February 1.

The consumer will pay 48 pruta for the first 67 k.w.h. and 70 pruta for every additional k.w.h. The number of rooms in a flat will no longer be a factor. Homes using 60 k.w.h. or more will receive a 20 per cent reduction. (Average consumption is between 100 to 120 k.w.h.).

Consumers with electric boilers will be able to use more current while paying the former rate. This reduction will be given on condition that the consumer installs a special meter for night use only.

Cheaper for Industry

Industries which use 200,000 k.w.h. or more a year will receive a 10 per cent reduction paying 17 pruta per k.w.h. instead of 19 pruta. Those using 300,000 k.w.h. or more will pay 16.5 pruta instead of 18.5 pruta. Electricity for street lights, chicken coops and restaurant cooking will cost between 20 to 23 per cent less, with such consumers paying 48 pruta per k.w.h.

It is also learned that the P.E.C. is considering paying interest on deposits which electric consumers are required to leave with the company. The interest being considered is five per cent annually.

While this step will not have any appreciable effect on home consumers, large industries and farms who are also large consumers of electric current, and as a result were required to pay large deposits, will receive substantial sums in interest payment.

This proposal requires final approval of the company's board of directors and of the Ministerial Economic Committee.

Carriage-Trade Payis Series Going on Sale

The sale of tickets will begin on January 29 of a special issue of Mifal Hapayis tickets that bear two IL50,000 prizes. Each ticket will cost IL5. The lottery will also include 50,000 prizes of IL5 each as well as 25 flats comprising two rooms and a hall or three rooms.

The drawing will take place on April 6.

The new issue was decided upon to raise additional funds for secondary school classrooms. The series will be repeated every two or three months.

Citrus Shippers Here To See C.M.B.

LYDDA AIRPORT. — Four representatives of the British Conference lines arrived early Wednesday to negotiate with the Citrus Marketing Board on freight rates and shipping arrangements for this season's fruit.

The men are Messrs. John Baron, of the British Prince Line; James Paton, of the British Atchison Line; Otto Thoresen, of the Norwegian Fred Olson Line, and Stig Gorthon, of the Swedish Gorthon Line.

The three-day talks will commence this morning.

Company to Manage Beersheba's Businesses

BEERSHEBA. — Mr. Gideon Shamir, former Israel Vice-Consul in Vienna and Manager of the Harsa ceramics factory here, was yesterday elected Town Clerk.

The present Clerk, Mr. A. Reuveni, will become manager of a commercial company to be established by the Municipality on April 1 to manage the town's properties.

An offer to buy shares in the new company, 25 per cent of which will be issued to the public, has been received from the drivers of the Municipally-owned bus line. The company's assets are estimated at IL10m.

Mr. Amir Gamal, Minister of Urban Local Government and Works in Tanganyika (centre) chats with Mr. Abba Eban, Minister without Portfolio and Sir Andrew B. Cohen, British Representative on the U.N. Trusteeship Council, at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem on Tuesday. Mr. Gamal was yesterday received by the Knesset Speaker, Mr. Kadish Luz. Sir Andrew left Israel yesterday for Teheran. In the background are Messrs. E. Elath and M. Nurock, of the Foreign Ministry.

Beduin Face Famine From 3-Year Drought

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The Negev Beduin population faces famine this year "unless a miracle happens within the next two weeks" and the rains come, a high military Government official told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Even if rains do fall, only a small portion of the 350,000 dunams of barley and wheat sown by the Beduin can be saved. Moreover, there is almost no pasture for their 70,000 sheep and 10,000 camels in this third successive drought year.

Aggravating the situation are the ban on movement to northern pastures and the cancellation of the Beduin market here because of the foot and mouth epidemic.

Only about 300 Beduin are employed on outside jobs now, and because, as "farmers", they are not eligible for the services of the Labour Exchange, they are paid less than union wages and receive no social benefits.

About 1,500 Beduin are available for work. To sustain themselves under present conditions, the 3,000 Negev Beduin families have been forced to engage in smuggling or to sell their herds illegally.

Hakim Denounces Anti-Semitic Acts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

In a note to Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, Archbishop George Hakim on Wednesday denounced the recent acts of anti-Semitism and "attacks on Judaism." The Archbishop, who heads the 19,000 strong Greek Catholic Community in Israel, is the first Israel Christian leader to take a public stand on the recent outrages.

In a note thanking Mr. Ben-Gurion for the interview he granted him last week, the Archbishop said:

"May I seize this occasion to express to your Excellency how much we were unhappy about the attacks on Judaism which appeared recently in different countries. We strongly protest against such acts of racism and would ask your Excellency to convey our protest and disgust to the Government and to the people of Israel."

T.A. Swastika Dauber Gets 12 Days' Jail

TEL AVIV. — For the first time in history, an Israel court yesterday sentenced a man for daubing swastikas.

Avraham Russo, 22, of Tel Aviv, a former inmate of the mental hospital at Bat Yam, was sentenced by Magistrate Y. Treibish to 12 days in jail and given an additional month suspended for two years for painting a swastika on a pavement in the Shapire Quarter early in January. Russo had pleaded guilty to the charge.

Mr. Treibish ruled that Russo's 12-day sentence commence from the date he had been sent for observation to the Bat Yam Hospital — January 5. Thus he was released after the hearing.

The suspended sentence is intended as "a warning for the future," Magistrate Treibish said.

The Director of the Bat Yam hospital said in his report that Russo was not aware of the meaning of his action and could not explain why he had committed it.

German Swans to Grace Zoo Wading Pool

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Eight white swans were expected to arrive at Lydda Airport on Wednesday night from Germany by El Al.

The swans, a gift of the Departments of Water of Lubeck and Hamburg, are being placed in the children's wading pool in the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo pending the construction of a special pool which will be named after the late Gershon Agron.

Dr. A. Shulov, the Zoo's Director, said that construction would start within the next few weeks.

The plan to bring the swans was initiated last year by Mr. Reuven Malachi, Jerusalem, who contacted the late Mayor, Mr. Malachi has dealt with the actual details of the transfer.

A rare horned owl, weighing five kilograms, was acquired a week ago from forest workers who captured it near Hartuv.

RATS. — Scores of hungry rats on Monday raided houses and attacked villagers at Stremba, North Italy, causing widespread damage. Rat experts going by firemen defeated the invasion after a 12-hour battle.

Dayan: Pig-Sties Are Source of Cattle Disease

Minister of Agriculture Moshe Dayan said yesterday that pig-sties are one of the sources of foot and mouth disease. But he avoided answering parliamentary questions asking him to comment on reports that they were the main source of the disease. The questions were submitted by Mr. Michael Chazani (National Religious) and Mr. Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Yisrael).

Mr. Dayan said that a ban on pig-breeding was not within the province of his Ministry. There are 50,000 pigs in Israel, including 20,000 in the Beit Dagon area, he revealed. He agreed that the enabling act passed by the Knesset authorizing municipalities to restrict pig-breeding had not brought about a reduction in the number of pigs.

Later, the Knesset rejected a motion for the agenda by Mr. B. Mintz (Poalei Agudat) on the raising of pigs and the sale of pork.

The motion was supported by Agudat Yisrael, Herut and the General Zionists, with the National Religious Party and some Mapai members abstaining.

120 Tons Produce Destroyed Weekly

In reply to a parliamentary question by Dr. Moshe Sneh (Communist), Minister of Agriculture Moshe Dayan said yesterday that 4,500 tons of vegetables had been destroyed in 1958, and 4,200 tons in 1959 (or nearly 120 tons a week.)

The Ministry would attempt to correlate planting areas with the capacity of the market to absorb, he said. But to the extent that surpluses develop, they would be sold at reduced prices to needy families.

60,000 Head Inoculated

TEL AVIV. — Some 60,000 head of cattle, comprising about 40 per cent of the pedigree herds, have been inoculated against foot-and-mouth disease. The herds and flocks of Kfar Shmuel, Kfar Yarka, Hadar Am and Ein Hashofet have been added to the list of affected livestock.

Livestock of the Safad, Kinneret, Jezreel Valley, Beersheba and Jerusalem districts must now be slaughtered in their home areas. Only Ashkelon cattle may be sent to Jerusalem abbatoirs for slaughtering.

The transfer of cattle for slaughtering in the Acre, Haifa, Hadera, Natanya, Petah Tikva and Rehovot districts will be handled only by the marketing companies, in order to reduce to a minimum the traffic between farms and slaughter houses.

Fish Block Negev Irrigation Pipes

BEERSHEBA. — Settlers in the Western Negev are irrigating their lands with dead fish.

The main filter in the Zohar reservoir in Lachish broke down two weeks ago, and minnows and worms are seeping into the irrigation pipes. Yesterday, one farmer in moshav Peduyim in the Western Negev collected 3½ kilos of dead minnows out of his irrigation pipe. Other farmers complained that the pipes are stopped up with the fish, which are beginning to smell. Complaints have been made to Mekorot and to the District Health Office in Beersheba.

First Atomic Fellow Arrives For Study

TEL AVIV. — The first person to be granted an International Atomic Energy fellowship to do research in Israel, Dr. Vera Korubin-Dolgova, arrived yesterday.

Dr. Korubin-Dolgova, of the University of Skopje, Yugoslavia, will spend six months studying and doing research in nuclear medicine at the Radium and Isotopes Institute of Tel Hashomer Hospital.

A PILGRIMAGE to the tomb of Maimonides in Tiberias on the 754th anniversary of his death took place on Wednesday.

Top Civil Servants Applaud As Rosolio Attacks Regrading

By YOSEF GORLI, Post Economic Reporter

In what could perhaps best be described as a case of mass schizophrenia, over 600 of Israel's top civil servants yesterday heartily applauded an unequivocal attack by the former Civil Service Commissioner, Mr. David Rosolio, on the recent wholesale regrading of the civil service.

In fact, Mr. Rosolio, in his concluding remarks in a symposium on civil service wage scale policy, accused the applauding members of the audience of having been the main supporters of the scheme — which he declared was accepted only under pressure from them and their representatives in the Union of Civil Servants.

The regrading — which some quarters claim was decided on with a view to the impending Knesset elections — called for automatic promotion of any official who had already been in his grade for three years. Most of the speakers at yesterday's symposium outspokenly attacked the scheme, which they claimed would lead to the upsetting of the entire hierarchy of the Civil Service. It would also lead to such anomalies as the placing of superior and subordinate in the same grades and the eventual need to create a grade higher than the present Grade I, to accommodate the present holders of that grade who would be forced up by the eventual automatic promotion of those in Grade II.

Reforms Needed

Mr. Rosolio proposed as the only possible solution to the impasse that resulted after approval of the regrading, the setting up of a high level public committee to recommend sweeping reforms in the civil service wage structure.

He strongly supported a proposal made earlier in the course of the day-long conference on public administration problems by Prof. Louis Guttman, that the main solution to the problem of wage policy lay in the direction of carrying out a basic programme of job analysis and classification in the civil service — and basing the wage scale structure on the findings of such an analysis.

It is believed that Mr. Rosolio's resignation from his position of Civil Service Commissioner was prompted by the failure of the Prime Minister's Office to support him in his opposition to the regrading proposal which was carried at the insistence of the civil servants themselves, supported by the Histadrut Trades Union Department. This belief was further strengthened yesterday by various hints dropped by Mr. Rosolio.

It is also believed that the lack of any well-thought out wage policy and the failure to work out an acceptable modus vivendi between the Civil Service Commission and the Civil Servants Union and the Histadrut is at the root of the difficulty in finding a suitable candidate to replace Mr. Rosolio.

Spoke for Themselves

Other participants in the symposium were: Mr. David Kochav, the head of the Bank of Israel Research Department and Economic Adviser to the Minister of Finance; Mr. David Moushine, Director of the Israel Productivity Institute; and Mr. Ze'ev Barash of the Histadrut Trades Union Department. All the speakers except Mr. Barash noted that they were speaking as individuals and not in their official capacities. Mr. Barash said he represented the official viewpoint of the Histadrut.

The conference which is the second of its kind to be held in the country — the first was held last year — was opened in the morning by Mr. Rosolio and by Prof. Bertram Gross of the Faculty of Public Administration at the Hebrew University.

In the evening the participants were addressed by Prof. A. V. MacMahon of Columbia University.

Today, the conference's second and final day, will be given over to further working group discussions and to an address by the Civil Service Commissioner of Ghana, Mr. A. L. Adu, who arrived especially for the conference.

Cornerstone of B'nai B'rith Home Laid in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The cornerstone of a B'nai B'rith centre was cemented into place at Rehov Hakirya here on Wednesday in the presence of the President of World B'nai B'rith, Mr. Label A. Katz, Mayor M. Namir, and Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi I. Unterman.

The two-storey building will include a 1,000-seat auditorium, lecture halls' offices, a museum and a library. It will be erected on a 2,000 sq. metre plot let to B'nai Brith by the Municipality on a long-term lease at a nominal rent.

The cost of the first stage of building is estimated at $350,000. Most of the funds will come from the sale of B'nai Brith's one time headquarters in pre-Hitler Germany.

Reid Speaks in Hebrew

A gathering held in the Mann Auditorium in the evening to mark the new centre was attended by the President of the Supreme Court, Ministers, Knesset Members and members of the Diplomatic Corps. Among those who spoke were the Minister without Portfolio Mr. Abba Eban; the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Ogden Reid, whose remarks in Hebrew were received with enthusiastic applause; and the President of the Israel Grand Lodge of B'nai Brith, Mr. Walter Schelitzer.

Lourie Back from Ottawa For New Post in U.K.

Mr. Arthur Lourie, the outgoing Israel Ambassador to Canada and Ambassador-Designate to Britain returned home on Wednesday morning after completing his almost 2½-year tour of duty in Ottawa.

Mr. Lourie is to leave for London by the end of this month to take up his new post.

Mr. Avraham Liveran, Counsellor and Charge d'Affaires of the Israel Embassy in London, concluded his tour of duty in England and left yesterday for Israel. He is shortly to become Director of the Foreign Ministry's British Commonwealth Division.

THE POWER OF SUGGESTION

LONDON (Reuter). — The British Stock Market steadied Wednesday after a remarkable drop on Tuesday which experts blamed on a television programme.

The programme, by the British Broadcasting Corporation, discussed the present stock boom, in which thousands of people for the first time in their lives have invested their savings in industrial shares. Various experts pointed out the need for caution.

Then a shot of tall buildings was shown, and the programme commentator suggested they would be ideal for jumping off if the need ever arose.

A two per cent drop in share values was the result.

Amnesty For Ben-Haroush

Jerusalem Post Reporter

David Ben-Haroush, who was sentenced to two years in prison for instigating the Wadi Salib riots in Haifa in July, is to be released on Thursday following a Presidential amnesty.

The reduction was recommended by Mr. Pinhas Rosen, Minister of Justice, in consideration of the prisoner's army record, his behaviour in detention and his family status.

Ben-Haroush was sentenced at the beginning of August to two years in prison by the Haifa Magistrates Court. The sentence was reduced to ten months on appeal to the District Court. The Magistrates Court later added another two months for a second offence connected with the riots.

DAVID BEN-HAROUSH

Ordinarily, a person's sentence is reduced by one-third for good behaviour. In this specific case it would have been cut to eight months. Ben-Haroush will be released after serving four and a half months.

The request for reduction was made by his organization, the Likud, a political faction organized among the North African Community. Ben-Haroush headed this organization's list in last November's elections when it just failed to win a seat in the Knesset.

BUS OVERTURNS

NAHARIYA. — Six passengers were injured slightly when an Egged bus overturned on the Nahariya-Maona highway yesterday. They were sent home after being treated at the Malben hospital here.

The mishap occurred when the driver veered to make way for an oncoming vehicle.

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CONTINUING his African tour, Mr. Harold Macmillan has reached the scene of a major political battle now — or rather, still — being fought in and over the Federation of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland. The British Prime Minister must here tackle the most difficult part of his trip. In indepedent Ghana, and in Nigeria which becomes independent next October, the object of his tour is primarily to strengthen Commonwealth bonds. In the Central African Federation, Britain's political involvement is still direct, and her influence could be decisive.

CENTRAL AFRICAN DILEMMA

The Protectorates of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland are still administered from the Colonial Office in London, while the third Federal partner, self-governing Southern Rhodesia, is answerable to the U.K. Parliament to a lesser extent. What Macmillan sees in the Federation, and what he does as a result, could affect the whole course of events in that part of Africa. The British Government has appointed the Monckton Commission to make a preliminary inquiry into the affairs of the six-year-old Federation before the five Governments involved — British, Federal, and three territorial — meet to review its constitution at the end of this year. But Macmillan has an advantage over the Commission in that he will not be boycotted by African organizations which have turned their faces against the Commission.

Briefly, what Africans object to is that while nearby territories such as Tanganyika, the Congo, Nigeria, Uganda and the Cameroons are headed towards independence in the footsteps of Ghana, the Federal Government has made it clear that it means to keep local power "for the foreseeable future" in the hands of Europeans, who number 300,000 in a total population of 7,500,000. Africans in Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia observe that in Southern Rhodesia their fellow Africans are not allowed in public cinemas, restaurants, hotels or even lavatories, and behind Southern Rhodesia is the shadow of South Africa, with its practice of rigid and ruthless segregation.

The supporters of white domination say that only Europeans are capable of providing political stability and of engineering rapid economic advance, and therefore the whites are bearers and guardians of civilized standards, to which Africans wil be admitted only when they are sufficiently advanced. To the African this seems a design to entrench European political and economic privileges indefinitely. How can it be fair, one may ask, to spend 20 times as much on the education of each European child as is spent on each African? Or to reserve half of all the land in Southern Rhodesia for 5,000 white farmers, while 500,000 African farmers have to make do with the sandy soils of only 40 per cent?

Mr. Macmillan has come to the Federation at a time when it is experiencing a fresh upsurge of political enthusiasm among Africans. Subdued for nine months by the harsh Emergency Regulations, they are now seeking to found new political organizations to replace those squashed by Government. All want equality of opportunity and adult suffrage, while the northern groups also want to get their territories out of the white-dominated Federation.

If devastating explosions are to be avoided in this part of Africa—with repercussions throughout the continent—a formula will have to be found which will enable Britain to keep faith with the white settlers it has sent there, while retaining the friendship of the Africans who are every day growing in a new awareness of their power.

AMSTERDAM NEWSLETTER

By Henriette Boas

Disaster Below Sea Level

THE Mayor of Amsterdam was to have attended a special preview of the German UFA documentary on Israel last Thursday night. The preview took place, along with two protest meetings against anti-Semitism scheduled for the same night; but the Mayor, instead of watching the sun-baked landscape of Israel, supervised rescue operations in the freezing night in the suddenly flooded garden suburb of Oostzaan.

Oostzaan, inhabited largely by shipyard and factory workers, was built some 30 years ago in a polder, three and a half metres below sea level, but few of the 10,000 residents remembered the fact until disaster struck. First intimation of the flood for the Dutch, as well as for the people of Oostzaan themselves, came in the eight a.m. news broadcast, which was preceded by a special announcement that a dyke near the suburb had broken three-quarters of an hour earlier and that residents would have to evacuate their houses.

Undreamed-of Emergency

Many of these were already on their way to work by then, but on arrival they were informed of the news and sent home to help evacuate their families. Returning to their little one-family, two-storey houses, some of them found their wives still completely unaware of what had taken place. The water in most of the streets was only a few centimetres deep, and many of the residents refused to budge after they had carried their most precious possessions to safety on the upper floor. Later in the morning, as the water continued to rise, they realized they would have to go, but by then neither cars nor bicycles could get through and they had to wade through water up to their knees, with their children on their backs. Later flat-bottomed police boats came to their aid.

Everything had to be improvised, for no one in Amsterdam had ever dreamt of such an emergency, but the rescue operation, although hampered by the weather, proceeded with unprecedented smoothness. Despite the sharp frost that set in at night, there were no casualties except an 82-year-old woman who lived alone. Stone deaf, she did not hear the knocking at her door, and the rescuers presumed her to be out. She drowned in bed.

A nearby factory immediately put its big canteen at the disposal of the evacuees; members of the Dutch Women's Voluntary Service, Civil Defence and the Salvation Army took up their posts, and the Municipality's Medical and Housing Departments went into action as well. The problem of overnight accommodation was then tackled.

Two thousand of the inhabitants of Oostzaan were not affected by the flood, for their homes stood on higher ground. Of the others, 5,000 found accommodation immediately with families or friends, and response to the call for accommodation for the remaining 3,000 was overwhelming. One of Holland's biggest emigrant ships was in the harbour between two voyages: it was immediately put in order, and 1,000 beds were made ready for evacuees, but only seven came on board at all — all the others had been put up on land.

In view of the critical situation, the Mayor made evacuation compulsory later in the evening, and the few persons who had managed to stay put right through the night were taken away on Friday morning. At the same time, the suburb was declared a forbidden area for all unauthorized persons in order to prevent looting and accidents.

Heavy equipment was then brought in to fill the 75-metre gap in the dyke and, beyond all expectations, this succeeded the same day. Only then could a start be made on pumping out the water — which will take many days, for it reached a height of 1.65 metres. It will be some weeks before the inhabitants can return to their homes, where they left behing almost all their belongings.

On Sunday another successful rescue operation took place. Most of the people of Oostzaan had been unable to take their pets with them, apart from dogs and an occasional cat. Cats, canary-birds, hens, etc., had to be left in the attics. Special squads went to their rescue on Sunday and delivered them to their overjoyed owners, who were waiting for them on the dyke.

Though human suffering, fortunately, has been small, material damage is quite heavy; the estimate is F13m. This damage is not covered by insurance. After the last big flood of February 1, 1953, insurance companies cancelled the coverage of flood damage in all their policies.

MISTAKE! IT'S THE OTHER WAY ROUND...

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No Shilly-Shallying on Suez

Davar (Histadrut) writes that the world will want to know the results of Mr. Hammarskjold's efforts to effect the release of the two ships detained by Egypt and to ensure free passage. If his "quiet diplomacy" is successful, so much the better; but if he fails, as he has till now, we expect to hear a frank admission as well as a statement of what he intends to do to force Nasser to accept U.N. decisions and fulfil his international obligations in the Canal.

Commenting on the Soviet Aswan "scoop" at America's expense, Herut asks how come all the Munichs to date, from Hitler onward, have not driven home their lesson, and whether there is no escaping the need of the West to pay an enormous price before it understands that there is no satisfying dictators. It is not out of mere curiosity that Israel awaits the American stand on Middle Eastern problems after Nasser's latest slap in the face.

Hamodia (World Aguda) finds that America's new Middle East policy has suffered a decisive blow and there may be hope that the State Department will now be able to appraise Nasser for what he is. If we succeed in convincing it of this dictator's real nature, it is quite possible that the entire West will see the futility of competing for his favours.

Omer (Histadrut) concludes that the Soviet move was designed, as in the case of the arms deals, to obtain an exclusive foot-and-strangle-hold on Egypt, for the Aswan project, a long-term affair with manifold problems, guarantees them a period of long-term influence.

The "Shylock question" directed at our Foreign Minister at a Ghana press conference impels **Al Hamishmar** (Mapam) to remark that in addition to the African peoples' distrust of the white man who schemes domination we also seem to be facing the "stigma" of being Jews, most likely propagated by Nasser's agents, in an area where Jews never constituted a problem. We still can convince these peoples that our intention is aid and friendship and not domination, but we must change our calling card. Engineers are not much of a novelty, even if they are Israelis; it is by introducing Africans to Israel's distinct contribution, the man who bears the banner of creative and constructive pioneering and of a new way of life, that we can prove to them that we are sincere.

Hahoker (General Zionist) writes that Mrs. Meir's repeated assertion of Israel's readiness to talk peace with the Arabs has evoked a negative reaction from Cairo, and the paper wonders if this policy does not do more harm than good.

Hatzofe (National Religious) writes that if Hussein's charge that the Arab leaders have been abusing the plight of the refugees (a charge from which Jordan itself is not quite free) is sincere, it will no doubt be applauded in many quarters. The truth is that a realistic policy in this sphere calls for extraordinary boldness in the atmosphere prevailing in the Arab world today, but if Hussein persists in this approach as a practical beginning toward the problem's solution, there are long-range prospects that he will gain from it, politically and morally.

Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda) opposes diplomatic relations with West Germany, which will not establish them anyway because of its fear of the Arabs, and also objects to the newly-reported arms deal.

Ma'ariv feels sure that Knesset discipline on the new arms deal with Germany will be absolute and that there are no surprises in the offing. The question is whether the Government should, in spite of that, precisely now, in the welter of widespread swastika marking, continue its arms deals with Bonn.

Mr. 'K' Prefers Butter to Guns

By JOSEPH ARIEL

THE sensational decision of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. to cut back the country's armed forces by a third has been made against a background that is economic and social as well as political and purely military.

While it is true that the U.S.S.R. now possesses such instruments of destruction that a partial reduction of its armed forces does not reduce its military potential appreciably, the fact is that Khrushchev is striving to convince the world that butter is more important than guns. At the latest plenary session of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, he is even reported to have boasted of the spectacular rise in the Soviet consumption of butter, now quoted as 4 kg. *per capita* as against 3.7 in the U.S.

The slogan of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, launched at its 21st Congress, is to overtake U.S. farm production in the shortest possible time. One of the preconditions for the success of this huge task is, according to the Party, the mechanization of Russia's entire rural economy and the electrification of the whole Soviet countryside. Numerous reports have been tabled in connection with this by the Secretaries-General of the Communist Parties in the various republics and regions of the vast Soviet Union; and it is precisely these reports that have revealed one grave fault: The U.S.S.R. lacks the metals necessary to attain mechanization, particularly in the complex field of its farm economy.

In absolute terms, the metallurgical production of the Soviet Union is high, and the rate at which it is increasing is even more impressive. As far back as a year ago Khrushchev affirmed that the rate of growth in certain phases of industrial and agricultural production was already higher than in the U.S., and "overtaking the U.S. is to overtake the highest indices of capitalism."

However, the stress on heavy industry has left the mechanization of the rural economy behind.

At the latest Central Committee meeting, Mr. Mazepoura, Director of the Institute of Mechanization and Electricity at the Agricultural Academy of Byelorussia, made the significant revelation that Byelorussia did not have enough manure spreaders or peat extractors, thus handicapping proper manuring and making it impossible to exploit over half of all the land drained, or over 700,000 hectares.

Lost Crops

Khrushchev brought up the fact that in Kazakhstan alone, 18,000 tractors were unable to take part in the spring sowing because they were being repaired. "And how many," he asked rhetorically and not without bitterness, "functioned improperly because of various defects?" For lack of 32,000 combines, 11,000 harvesters and 21,000 balers, part of the grain crop could not be taken in in time and had to be left under the snow.

Poliansky, President of the Russian Soviet Federal Socialist Republic, declared that despite the progress registerd in the domain of tractor and farm machinery production, a very large part of the farm work was still being done by hand or with very imperfect equipment, resulting in low yields. He quoted specialists as saying that one-third of the farm machinery needed to fulfil schedules was not yet available.

Podgorny, representing the Ukrainian Communist Party, went even further, noting that in order to fulfil farm schedules for 1960, production of the most modern tractors and spare parts would have to be stepped up by 70 per cent. And the list of shortcomings brought out by other speakers at the meeting could be extended further. In order to eliminate them, the Soviet Communist Party has chosen a radical remedy: mustering out 1,200,000 men and putting them to work making the equipment to make the butter with.

KEEPING POSTED

A VETERAN visitor to Israel, whose Hebrew is not as good as it might be, tells us that all the same one of the pleasures of being here is to employ such Hebrew phrases as she knows, and feel like a *sabra*. But it is not so simple. It seems she was having a snack at the cafeteria of Heichal Shlomo, the citadel of orthodoxy in Jerusalem, with her daughter, a Tel Avivian. They were having excellent sandwiches with some slices of meat on them. She tried a bite and then called back the waiter. With a friendly smile and a proud air of being the oldest inhabitant of Jerusalem, she

asked the man for a little *kheim'a* to go with it. The waiter looked scandalized and her daughter blushed for shame. "I just wanted the salt. Salt. Something must be wrong again with my Hebrew," she sighed, dropping back into English in her distress. The word she had actually used instead of *melah* (salt), of course, means "butter," and to ask for it together with a meat sandwich was enough to throw the whole cafeteria into confusion.

ON the other hand, everybody applauded the apparently fluent Hebrew of Mr. A. K. Dutt, Registrar of Cooperative Societies in West Bengal, at the farewell party given by the group at the King David Hotel on Tuesday. True, Mr. Dutt read from two pages of notes, and mispronounced a word here and there — though not more than the late Menahem Ussishkin in his speeches—as an old-timer observed. Some mutterings came from Mr. Moshe Sharett, M.K., who is a well-known stickler for good Hebrew. "A disgrace," he said. "This man has managed to learn so much Hebrew in a short time, and then whoever prepared the speech for him to read puts in words like intimi and cooperatzia, for which there are perfectly good Hebrew terms, and spoils it all." Mr. Dutt makes a hobby of learning languages, and on a recent visit to Yugoslavia read his farewell speech in Serbo-Croat.

AN acquaintance of ours records a problem rather different from the first, though it happened just outside Heichal Shlomo. She is a motherly type, with three grown-up children and a bunch of grandchildren. As she walked along a young man, she says, dropped into step with her. When she turned to see what he wanted he cleared his throat nervously and said "Excuse me, but I have a pain just here" — he pointed to the right side of his stomach — "do you think it is appendicitis?" "I'm not a doctor, young man," she answered, "and I'm not wearing white shoes so you've no reason to take me for a nurse. If the pain is bad, go to a doctor." He explained that he was on his way to see about a new job, and had no time for Kupat Holim, unless she thought it might be urgent. She said, no, she didn't think it was urgent: he seemed to be walking quite comfortably. Besides, he wasn't flushed, so he probably had no fever. It would no doubt keep till after the interview. If he still had a pain then... But why had he picked on her to ask? "You looked as though you might know about appendicitis, and there, you did!"

THE average American male can expect to start going bald at the age of 29½, says an urgent Reuter message. But he can find comfort in the fact that the wig manufacturing business is booming with his baldness, for more than 200 manufacturers of toupees have set up business in North America during the past three years. In the past 10 years, the number of men wearing toupees has quadrupled in the United States and there are now only two film

stars over the age of 35 still sporting their own hair: Clark Gable and Spencer Tracy. Why do they do it? At their wives' insistence. According to an expert, there are only seven toupees now being worn in this country by Israelis. They cannot catch on here for two reasons, we learn. The first is that the habitual tidiness of a toupee would give away the wearer immediately in a country in which hair is rarely worn well-brushed. Besides, Israelis only have their hair cut about once in three weeks, if that, and can always be identified by this peculiarity abroad. Anybody whose hair never grew long and trailing at the sides would feel far more self-conscious here than a man who is merely bald. And what is wrong with Pul Brynner, come to that?

MARGINAL COMMENT

'ORIENTAL DESPOTISM'

By Sraya Shapiro

WHENEVER a discourteous official offends you by saying "Come another day, I am busy" — he is probably following the hallowed pattern of bureaucratic despotism which an American professor by the German name of Karl A. Wittfogel calls the "Hydraulic Society." Professor Wittfogel, who taught Chinese history in Germany before he was put in a concentration camp by Hitler, explains that, in countries where the peasant depends on the water he receives from public sources, society is ruled by an omnipowered bureaucracy. This system, he says in his book "Oriental Despotism," is completely different from the West European feudal society of the Middle Ages. The feudal lord exacted service for which he undertook certain obligations. In the Hydraulic Society, the bureaucrats decide without taking any responsibility at all. They control the water, and the peasant must come to terms with them — or starve.

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THE "hydraulic" attitude to administration permeated Russia through its age-long servitude under the Tatar Mongols. Perhaps some of it was transmitted here through Jews coming from Russia. But other, more strong influences, come directly from immigrants who had direct contact with the original "hydraulic" societies of the Middle East. These consider extravagant the idea that a Civil Servant has any responsibility for the well-being of the ordinary citizen. We had the shock of the year the other day when a post office official in Tel Aviv got angry at our remark that instructions to the public should be more explicit. "You can find out where to go by asking," he replied curtly after we had queued in vain.

THE idea of public office as public service is essentially a Western, or rather, a British and American idea, adopted by Israel law-givers because of the long association with Great Britain. There is need for a sustained and extensive instruction campaign among civil servants — and the public — to save the Civil Service from degenerating into a "hydraulic" officialdom.

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BEFORE the State, officials of Zionist institutions were almost indistinguishable from public-spirited citizens who gave their heart as well as their time to serve a common cause — communal leaders who had resigned themselves to being paid by the community in order to be able to devote all their time to public service. With the creation of a State-controlled Civil Service, too much interest in the job was suspect as "party politics." With the ideal of a detached and seemingly independent Civil Service on the British model fresh in many minds, the cry made the rounds of political parties that the public official must "execute" the laws, not interpret them. Which, of course, would have been a simple matter had the lawgivers in the Knesset had clearer ideas of how a law is implemented — or had there been accepted ways of thought to guide the officials in their "implementation."

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TORN between divergent influences and traditions, and without tradition, the Civil Service must, naturally, develop either towards inefficiency or corruption —, the one not excluding the other. To retrieve efficiency and public esteem the Civil Service should learn to see in every citizen its virtual employer — and try to help him by explaining the law.

Tel Aviv, January 21, 1960.

Readers' Letters

CAR DUTY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Before coming to Israel as a new immigrant, about a month ago, my father bought a small car which he needs for his work. Before doing so, he asked the Israel Mission in Cologne for information. They told him that regulations changed quite often and therefore he could not be given precise information, but one thing was certain: a new immigrant could bring in a car at much reduced duty rates (750 pruta the kg). As it was to be only a small and useful car, and the duty cost within his means, he bought one. On his arrival in Israel, however, he learned that he would have to pay the full duty of IL1,500 per kg. for his 4-year old Fiat-Station Wagon as it had not been in his possession for at least a year. The Israel Mission forgot to mention this, even though they knew that the car was still to be bought.

After a five-hour discussion with various port and customs officials my father left Haifa without his car. On the advice of the Customs Department he filed an appeal, stating that he had been misinformed, and that he would have come without a car had he known the full regulations; he also stated that the duty demanded was far beyond his means.

After a long wait he was informed that the car could be freed, but no details were given. It took further correspondence to find out, finally, that his petition had been rejected and the full duty, plus a fine of IL25 for not having an import licence, plus port fees, had to be paid. It took hours until the formalities of paying duty and freeing the car were completed, and no less than 21 officials had to be dealt with. At present the car stands in our yard awaiting the time when my father will have the money for the licence, as we scraped together whatever we could to free the car.

We fully realise the difficulties the State has to cope with, and that money is badly needed in this country, but we fail to understand the necessity of wasting one's time and nerves. Why do 21 officials have to deal with a case which five sufficiently trained people could do in a much shorter time? And why is it not possible to supply Israel missions and consulates abroad with exact information?

Last but not least: why make it so troublesome for a new immigrant? First he has to wait months to get his visa, which is a very tiring procedure. Secondly, the poor fellow, especially if he comes here at his own expense, to live peacefully by his own work, is haunted and handicapped by endless nerve-racking red tape.

Yours, etc.
EVA BASNIZKI

Beit Nekufa, Jerusalem.
November 28.

Treasury Replies

Israel diplomatic and other missions abroad are in constant touch with the Customs Management here and regularly receive memoranda which give them up-to-date information on customs rates. They also have appropriate printed material which is available upon request and which gives a complete picture of the tax rates. If your correspondent received incorrect information from the Israel Mission at Cologne, as she maintains, this should be clarified with the Mission itself, since we have no control over their operations.

As to the process of releasing items from customs, a person making personal imports has need, today, of four or five customs counters at the most. It may be that Mrs. Basnizki includes in the number of people whose services she required, the shipping agent, port management workers, gate policemen and others whom she encountered in the process.

A. MANDEL
Department of Inland Revenue
The Treasury
Jerusalem, December 28.

GENEROUS GIFT

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May we use your columns to thank all those who so kindly sent us donations as a result of the report in your paper on the activities of our society.

In particular, we should like to give public expression to our gratitude and thanks for a most generous gift of 3,000 tablets of Durabiotics from the Teva Company of Jerusalem. This gift will enable 20 children suffering from rheumatic fever to receive treatment for a period of six months, and so expedite and enhance their chances of recovery.

Yours, etc.
Mrs. F. ELIASH
The Israel Rheumatic Fever Society
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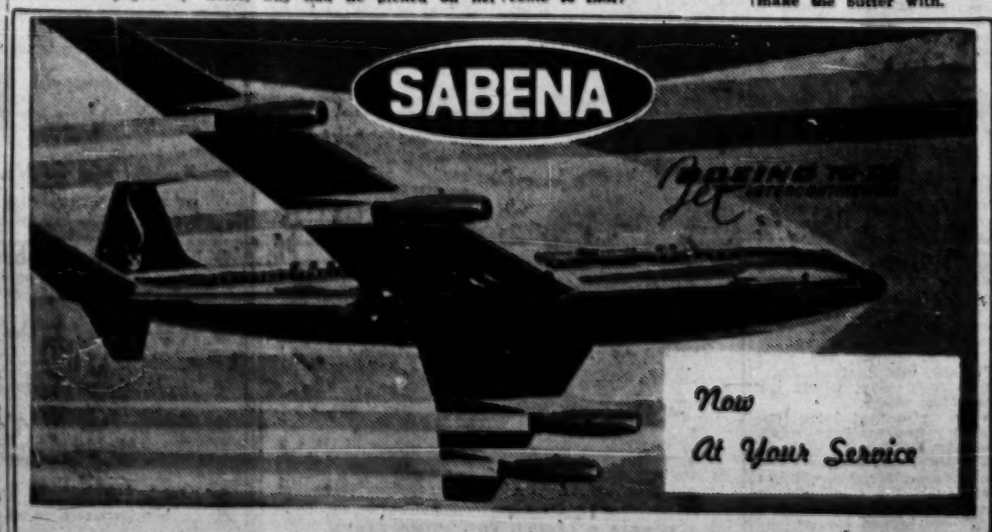

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